GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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GROWTH OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of Indian cars, commercial vehicles, two and three wheelers have registered an all time growth in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the revenue generated to the Government thereto;

(c) whether the present trend is likely to continue in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the revenue generation projected by the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a): As per the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), during April-July, 2007, the domestic sale of passenger and commercial vehicle segments has registered a positive growth rate of 12.6% and 3.5% respectively while that of two-wheelers and three wheelers segment has registered negative growth rate of 7.3% and 9.2% respectively. During the same period, the domestic sale of Automobile Industry as a whole has registered a negative growth rate of 5.7%.

(b): Except during the first four months of current year, the automobile industry has performed very well during the past few years. The details of domestic sales of the various segments of the sector during the past three years and first four months of the current year are as under:

S.No.	Segment	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (April-July)
1.	Passenger vehicles	10,61,572	11,43,076	13,79,698	4,64,786
2.	Commercial vehicles	3,18,430	3,51,041	4,67,882	1,33,002
3.	Three wheelers	3,07,862	3,59,920	4,03,909	1,16,596
4.	Two wheelers	62,09,765	70,52,391	78,57,548	22,43,722
5.	Total	78,97,629	89,06,428	1,01,09,037	29,58,106

(c) & (d): According to SIAM, the automobile industry is expected to register a positive growth during the current year also but at a lower rate due to hardening of interest rate and non availability of bank finance. Automobile Industry is making a contribution of 17% to the pool of indirect taxes.